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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT

1. VANCE SPEECH AND PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN
WIDEST COVERAGE AND EDITORIAL COMMENT, ALONG WITH STORIES
ON DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S COMMENTS AND SPECULATION ON REASON
FOR DELETIONS IN PREPARED TEXT.
2. UNITED DAILY NEWS (LIEN HO PAO; 600,000) CALLED SECRETARY
SPEECH DISAPPOINTING, VAGUE AND CRITICIZED VANCE FOR NOT
MENTIONING TAIWAN AND "EVADING THE EXISTENCE" OF MUTUAL
DEFENSE TREATY.
3. CHINA TIMES (CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO; 530,000) SAID
SPEECH SHOWED MANY CHANGES MADE IN CONTENTS SINCE FIRST
ANNOUNCED IN JUNE AND CALLED IT TRIAL BALLOON WITH FINAL DECISION
DELAYED TO END OF AUGUST. HOPED TALKS BETWEEN U.S.
AND ROC WILL BE HELD SOON.

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4. IN SEPARATE ARTICLE PAPER NOTED NO OFFICIAL COMMENT
AVAILABLE FROM MOFA BUT THAT "LOCAL OBSERVERS" BELIEVED
"IT WAS AN ACCEPTABLE CUSTOM" FOR VANCE TO SAY GOOD
WORDS PRECEDING PRC VISIT.

5. UPI TAIPEI DISPATCH SAID ONE, UNIDENTIFIED, ROC
OFFICIAL EXPRESSED CONCERN AND INDIGNATION OVER

SPEECH BECAUSE DELIBERATELY AVOIDED MENTION OF ROC,
ROC'S ECONOMIC GROWTH OR TREATY.

6. INDEPENDENCE EVENING POST (TZI LI WAN PAO; 50,000)
DIPLOMATIC REPORTER EMPHASIZED SIGNIFICANCE OF STATE
DPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S COMMENT THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN
U.S. AND ROC WILL CHANGE.

7. SEVERAL WRITERS NOTED VANCE'S STATEMENT NORMALIZATION
NOT EASY OR QUICK AND GUESSED ANY CHANGE WOULD COME
AFTER TRIP TO PRC.

8. CHINA TIMES REPORTER NORMAN FU FROM WASHINGTON
REPORTED SENATOR JOHN GLENN PROTESTED IN ADVANCE TO
HOLBROOKE OVER AVOIDANCE OF TAIWAN IN PREPARED TEXT
AND SAID HIS DISAPPOINTMENT WAS OPINION OF THE CONGRESS.
FU ALSO QUOTED RAY CLINE AS CALLING SPEECH LIP SERVICE
TO PRC AND OTHER AMERICANS "CLOSE" TO ADMINISTRATION AS
SAYING SPEECH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED "VICTORY" FOR ROC
OVER ADVOCATES IMMEDIATE NORMALIZATION SUCH AS
HOLBROOKE, GLEYSTEN AND OKSENBERG. SAID VANCE AND
BRZEZINSKI FEARED ADVERSE REACTION FROM CONGRESS AND
PUBLIC.

9. ALL PAPERS CARRIED PRESIDENT'S REMARKS THAT HE HOPES
AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED WITH PRC AND THAT PEACEFUL
LIVES OF CHINESE IN TAIWAN CAN BE ASSURED.
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10. CNA NEW YORK REPORT CARRIED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE
PAPER LISTED CHANGES IN PREPARED TEXT NOTING: ADDITION
OF "VERY" TO THE "IMPORTANCE" U.S. PLACES ON PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT OF TAIWAN QUESTION; DELETION OF SENTENCE ON
GROWTH RATE BECAUSE "OBSERVERS" SAID IT WOULD BE
IMCOMPLETE TO SPEAK OF HIGH ECONOMIC GROWTH WITHOUT
MENTIONING ROC; DELETION PARAGRAPH ON MILITARY TECHNOLOGY
BECAUSE IT MIGHT CAUSE UNDUE CONCERN AMONG ASIANS OF
POSSIBLE CHANGE IN MILITARY PRESENCE; AND DELETION ANOTHER
PARAGRAPH BECAUSE IT MIGHT BE READ AS EQUATING U.S.-
JAPAN RELATIONS WITH U.S.-PRC RELATIONS.
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